Highters Heath Community School Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th October – Flu Immunisations

Monday 19th October – Year 7 Transition Meeting for Parents

Wednesday 21st October – Reception Parents Phonics Workshop

Thursday 22nd October – Parents Evening

Friday 23rd October – King Edwards Sporting Competition

Friday 23rd October – Schools closes for half term at the normal time of 3.15pm

Monday 2nd November – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November – School opens for pupils at 8.45am

Tuesday 10th November – Year 6 visit to Avoncroft

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 2nd December – Year 6 World War Two Workshop

Message from the Executive Headteacher

I wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents who have joined us this week for our 'live lessons'. It has been lovely to see so many of you and the children have thoroughly enjoyed working with you all too! We will arrange the final two classes 'live lessons' after half term to ensure parents have enough notice. Please look out for your emails for more information next week.

This week we also announced our new prefects for the year. Congratulations go to Head Prefects - Phoebe and Julia and Prefects - Aamnah, Amaani, Hiba, Huey, Carter, Hamza and Maliyah. I am sure they will take their roles and responsibilities very seriously and will be amazing role models for the school – well done to you all.

As always if you have any questions or queries, please contact the school office using the enquiry email.
enquiry@hightersheath.excelsiormat.org

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs Aulton

Year 5 visit to Harvington Hall

We had a wonderful day exploring Harvington Hall. The children were full of excitement as we walked through the fascinating history of the building. We learned all about secret hiding places – the priest holes – and tried to spot them hidden in the walls and floors. It was like being real detectives! The children asked brilliant questions during the day and really enjoyed stepping back in time. It was a fantastic day out filled with learning and lots of fun. Well done Year 5!

Year 3 visit to the Botanical Gardens

Yesterday, Year 3 enjoyed a day at Birmingham Botanical Gardens, as part of their theme Brazil and the Rainforests. To begin with, they learned all about rainforests and plants and animals that you'd find there. After that, they handled animals such as a giant African land snail, a corn snake and a lizard! Finally, they explored the various glass houses and spotted many plants that they'd spoken about in the morning session. They all had a wonderful day! Well done Year 3!

Thunk of the Week

This week's thunk is '**if we took the school building and moved it to the other side of town but left the people and things exactly where they were, where would the school be?'** Another thought-provoking question for the weekend. Enjoy discussing this together.

Spotlight on attendance



Our attendance figures continue to be positive, and we were only a whisker away from achieving 96% this week. It would be lovely to end the half term with an achievement of over 96% for the final week of term, so I urge you all to continue to prioritise sending your child in on time every day.

Unfortunately, lateness continues to be an issue for some families, and this is something we would like to be a priority for everyone. Whilst we recognise that on occasion things happen that make you late, we often find that there are some families where lateness is a regular occurrence and unfortunately becomes the norm. Remember the school doors open at 8.45am and your child should be in school by 8.55am.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's attendance, please see Mrs Lindsay via the school office.

Celebration Assembly Award Winners

This week's winners are:

Reception	Salar and Winner
Year 1	Safa and Sean
Year 2	Jinni and Winner
Year 3	Zaina and Shay
Year 4	Jibreel and Winner
Year 5	Esme and Abigael
Year 6	Rosie-Lee and Winner

Congratulations to everyone who won a Headteachers Award this week.

Hot Chocolate Friday Winners

Congratulations this week go to:

Reception	Jumaima
Year 1	Mawa
Year 2	Maha
Year 3	Peyton
Year 4	Harry
Year 5	Lamar
Year 6	Jacob

I look forward to meeting even more children who have gone above and beyond and have been nominated for this award.



House Points

Well done to everyone receiving house points this week. The winners are…

Apollo	Mercury	Neptune	Pegasus
2239	2170	2139	2269

Well done to Pegasus for achieving the most house points this week.

Attendance

Well done to everyone who has tried really hard with their attendance this week. As always, school attendance is important for your child, both in terms of their education as well as for their well-being and life opportunities.

Our attendance this week

Reception	97.1%
Year 1	86.3%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	99.3%
Whole School	95.9%

Please can you ensure your child attends every day where possible and is on time for school – doors close at 8.55am.